

IN THE MATTER OF THE ILLTREATMENT OF BRITISH
PRISONERS OF WAR AT SENDAI CAMP 1 B, ONAHAMA,
HONSHU, JAPAN.

British National Office Charge No.

United Nations War Crimes Commission reference:

A F F I D A V I T

I, Fusilier WILLIAM JOHNSON, make oath and say as follows:-

1. My Number is 4273880 and I am in the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers, with permanent home address at Lilburn House, Main Street, NORHAM-on-TWEED.
2. I was captured at SINGAPORE on 15 February 1942.
3. In February 1945 I was in SENDAI Camp 1 B. Onahama Springs, which was a coal mining camp on Honshu Island. Captain THORNTON, R.A.S.C. was Camp Commandant in charge of British prisoners of war.
4. Corporal JAMES SCOTT, Royal Northumberland Fusiliers was in this camp and had been working on the surface at the mine and was in a very weak condition resulting from Beri-Beri and mal-nutrition. On the evening of 4th February 1945 he came back to camp with the rest of the party and on arrival at the camp was paraded with the other men when KC 'SUDA asked whether any man in the party was sick. Corporal SCOTT said he wanted to see the Medical Officer whereupon KOJU 'SUDA struck him with his fist and knocked him down and then started kicking him in the stomach when he was lying on the ground. Corporal SCOTT was unable to get up at the end of this ill-treatment and was carried by a number of the prisoners to the M.I. Room and from there to the hospital. I was not present on this occasion when Corporal SCOTT was struck and kicked but heard from Sergeant HUME, R.A.O.C. and Driver SCREEN, R.A.S.C. what had happened to Corporal SCOTT. As soon as I heard I collected Corporal SCOTT's blankets, took them round to the hospital and stayed with him until a few minutes before he died. He never regained consciousness whilst I was with him. At about a quarter to six I went along for my meal and had just sat down at the table when Sergeant FARRELL, R.A.S.C. came in and told me that Corporal SCOTT had died. Between my leaving Corporal SCOTT and hearing from Sergeant FARRELL the news of his death would be about ten minutes. Subsequently Corporal SCOTT's body was cremated.

5. The best description that I can give of KOJU PSUDA is as follows: he was about 6 feet 1 inch in height, very broad-shouldered, high cheek bones. He had a very short neck and ape-like movement of the head. His nickname was "The Frog". The last time we saw him was on 16 August 1945. It was 17 August 1945 when we heard that the war was finished and we tried to get hold of KOJU PSUDA but we were not able to find him. He wore the three stars of a first-class private and was a Military guard and not a Civic guard. He would be about 35 years of age.

6. KOJU PSUDA used to kick and beat prisoners on numerous occasions and when he was inspecting a rank it was a favourite trick of his to lift his leg and kick people in the shins. I have seen him kick many people including Captain STEWART, Royal Norfolk Regiment some time in 1945 and on that occasion he pulled him out of the mess hall and made him clean the drains.

7. The foregoing facts are to my own knowledge true except where the contrary appears and in such case the facts are true to the best of my information and belief and my means of knowledge is recorded in this my affidavit.

SWORN by the said WILLIAM JOHNSON)
at EDINBURGH this fourth day of) /s/ W. Johnson, Fusilier
February 1946.)

BEFORE ME

/s/ R. E. W. Rinman
Captain, Legal Staff,
An Officer of the staff
of the Judge Advocate General of the Forces.

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私、陸軍兵「ウィリアム・ジョンソン」ハ宣誓
ヲナシ次ノ如ク陳述ス。

一 私ノ番號ハ四二七三八八〇デ私ハ英國「ノーザ
ンバーランド」陸歩兵ニ所屬シ居リ永住地ハ「
ノーハム・オン・トワイード」「メーシ・スト
リート」「リルベーン・ハウス」デアリマス。

二 私ハ一九四二年二月十五日「シンガポール」デ
捕ヘラレマシタ。

三 一九四五年二月ニハ私ハ仙台收容所「オナハマ」
温泉「B」ニ居リマシタ。ソレハ本州ノ炭坑收容
所デシタ。B・A・S・C「ソントン」大尉ガ
英國俘虜ヲ擔任シア居タ俘虜ノ指揮官デアツタ。

四 英國「ノーザンバーランド」陸歩兵所屬ノ「ジ
エームス・スコット」恒ニハコノ收容所ニ居テ
炭坑ノ外デ働イテ居タガ其氣ト栄養不良ノタメ
ニ非常ニ虚弱ナ狀態ニアリマシタ。一九四五年
二月四日ノ夕方彼ハ仲間ノ若達ト一處ニ收容所
ニ歸ツテ來テ收容所ニ到着スルト他ノ人達ト一
緒ニ整列サセラレタ。ソノ時「コージユ・ツタ」
ハコノ中ノ若テ病人ハ居ラナイカト尋ネタ。「
スコット」恒長ハ軍醫ニ合ヒタイト言フト「コ

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「ジョ・ツダ」ハ拳骨ヲ握ラテツテ倒シ彼が地面に倒レテキル處ヲ彼ノ腹ヲ蹴リ始めマシタ。
「スコット」伍長ハコノ騒動ガ終ツテモ煙ヤ上レナカツタノデ喉痛ノ爲ニヨツテH・I室ニ退バレ其處カラ病虎ニ退バレマシタ。「スコット」伍長ガ腹ヲ刺ラレタ時ニハ私ハ現場ニハ居マセンデシタガ「スコット」伍長ニドシテ墓ガ起ツタカハR・A・O・Oノ「ヒューム」軍曹及ビR・A・S・Oノ「スクリーン」追尊士カラ聞キマシタ。私ハソレヲ聞クヤスグニ「スコット」伍長ノ毛布ヲ集メテ病虎ニ持ツテ行キ彼ガ死ス數分前迄彼ノ所ニ居マシタ。私が彼ノ所ニ居ル間ニハ彼ハ意識ヲ回復シマセンデシタ。
六時十五分前頃私ハ食事ニ出カケ卓ニ丁度坐ツタ處R・A・S・Oノ「フアール」軍曹が通入ツテ來テ「スコット」伍長ガ死シタト云フ事ヲ私ニ語リマシタ。私が「スコット」伍長ノ許ヲ去リ彼ノ死ノ報知ヲ「フアール」軍曹カラ聞イタ間ハ約十分位ノモノデセウ。ソノ後「スコット」ノ死體ハ火葬ニサレマシタ。

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ホ「ジョ・ツダ」ハ多クノ場合停止ヲ願フタ

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ハ足ヲアゲテ人ノ向區ヲ蹴ルノガ好キナ仕業ノ
一ツデシタ。一九四五年ノ玩ル時彼ガ英國「ノ
ーホーク」驛陸ノ「ステュワート」大尉ヲ含ム
多クノ人達ヲ蹴ツアキルノヲ私ハ見マシタ。ソ
ノ時ハ彼ハ大尉ヲ食堂カラ引キ出シテ糞ノ掃除
ヲサセマシタ。

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